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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF KAGNEW TWO

1. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED EPMG AT APPROPRIATE TIMES OF RELEASE OF KAGNEW TWO, DEPT'S PRESS STATEMENT AND STATEMENT RELEASED TO MEDIA IN ILLINOIS AND TEXAS BY THE TWO MEN. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT AS YET REFERRED IN ANY WAY TO DEBRIEFINGS OF KAGNEW TWO. INDEED, EXCEPT FOR AMBASSADOR BREWER'S REPORT (KHARTOUM 0104) WE HAVE SEEN NO DEBRIEFING REPORT.

2. EPMG HAS NOT YET INQUIRED, BUT WE CAN BE CERTAIN THAT THEY ARE INTENSELY INTERESTED IN A) WHAT FURTHER INFORMATION IS LIKELY TO REACH PUBLIC DOMAIN SOURCED TO EITHER KAGNEW TWO OR USG, AND B) WHATEVER WE CAN TELL THEM ABOUT KAGNEW TWO'S EXPERIENCE. FOR EMBASSY'S PART, WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT WE CONTINUE PROVIDE EPMG WITH WHATEVER APPROPRIATE INFORMATION WE CAN. NOT TO DO SO CAN LEAD TO THE KIND OF SUSPICIONS THAT WERE EVIDENT IN THE EPMG'S UNFORTUNATE PRESS RELEASE DURING OAU SUMMIT (ADDIS 332) AND RISK FURTHER EPMG COOPERATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. THAT DEPT PROVIDE US WITH GUIDANCE ON WHAT WE MIGHT TELL ETHIOPIANS AS RESULT DEBRIEFINGS AND WHETHER ANY FURTHER PUBLICITY IS LIKELY.
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